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Town Officers

MODERATOR		L. H. Parker
TOWN CLERK		W. W. Eastman
SELECTMEN		
L. H. Parker	J. E. Cox	F. M. Tyler
TREASURER		S. H. Dexter
TAX COLLECTOR		W. W. Eastman
SUPERVISORS		
G. H. Clark	S. J. Hutchins	V. A. Brooks
SEXTONS		
L. H. Parker		James Crimmins
HIGHWAY AGENTS		
B. M. Tyler		G. L. Belyea
SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER		
W. W. Eastman	G. N. Belyea	James Crimmins
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		
W. W. Eastman	Floyd Hutchins	William Kendall
LIBRARIAN		H. F. Tyler
TRUSTEES OF TOWN FUNDS		
L. H. Parker	S. H. Dexter	W. W. Eastman
BOARD OF HEALTH		S. H. Dexter
SCHOOL BOARD		
S. H. Dexter	F. M. Tyler	W. W. Eastman
AUDITOR		D. W. Hutchins
LAND AGENT		W. W. Eastman

ASSETS

In hands of town treasurer	$ 318 29
Taxes not collected, tax 1916	199 50
Total assets	$517 79

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
Property and poll taxes, current year	$2132 50
From State:	
Railroad tax	40 16
Savings bank tax	102 55
For bounties:	55 20
Literary fund	26 91
For education	30 00
From County:	
For support of poor	17 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	35 40
Interest received on taxes and deposits	3 61
Registration fee	3 00
Part order returned to treasurer	56 36
Total receipts from all sources	$2502 69
Cash on hand at beginning of year	450 22
Grand total	$2952 91

PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Town officers, salaries and expense	$210 78	
Election and registration expenses	30 50	
Care and supplies for town hall	2 00	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Bounties	55 20	

Health:		
Health department	11 30	
Vital statistics	2 50	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town maintenance	648 83	
Education:		
Libraries	15 00	
Charities:		
County poor	17 00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial day and other celebrations	10 00	
Public Service Enterprise:		
Cemeteries	5 50	
		$1008 61
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans, total interest		14 98
Outlay of New Construction:		
Highways and bridges, town construction, total outlay payments		37 14
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to state	$292 50	
Taxes paid to county	213 35	
Payment to school district	898 51	
		$1404 36
All Other Payments:		
Miscellaneous		169 53
Total payments for all purposes		$2634 62
Cash on hand at end of year, Feb. 15, 1917		318 29
Grand total		$2952 91

Salaries and Expenses of Principal Town Officers

Treasurer, S. H. Dexter	$15 40
Clerk, W. W. Eastman	30 00
Collector, W. W. Eastman	40 00
Dog constable	5 00
Selectman, L. H. Parker	39 00
J. E. Cox	25 00
F. M. Tyler	27 00
Auditor, D. W. Hutchins	1 00
L. H. Parker, record book, cash for trustees	9 10
Printing town reports, Warren News	21 78
W. W. Eastman, postage and stationary	4 00
L. H. Parker, postage, stationary and express	3 00
Election and registration expense:	
Supervisors, V. A. Brooks	7 50
H. H. Elliott	1 50
G. H. Clark and cash paid out	11 75
S. J. Hutchins	9 75

Road Agent's Report

NAPOLEON BURKE, AGENT

1916		
Mar.	N. Burke, 1½d at $1.75	$2 62
	N. Burke, 1d with team at $3.50	3 50
	C. H. Hill, 3h with team at $3.50	1 05
	C. H. Hill, 1d at $1.75	1 75
	A. M. Leach, ½d at $1.75	88
	S. E. Mardin, ¾d at $1.75	1 32
	E. A. Mardin ¾d with team at $3.50	2 65
	S. H. Dexter, breaking roads	4 00
	M. C. Bowles and team, ¾d at $3.50	2 65

	V. A. Brooks and team, ½d at $3.50	1 75	
	J. E. Cox and team, ½d at $3.50	1 75	
	L. E. Parker, ½d at $1.75	88	
		———	$ 24 80

B. M. Tyler, Agent

May	B. M. Tyler and team, 3½d at $3.50	$12 25	
	G. B. Tyler, 2d at $1.75	3 50	
	H. A. Rines, 7h at $1.75	1 23	
	D. W. Hutchins, breaking road	3 67	
		———	20 65
June	B. M. Tyler and team, 14½d at $1.75	50 75	
	G. B. Tyler, 14½ at $1.75	25 37	
	H. A. Rines, 9d at $1.75	15 75	
		———	$ 91 87
July	B. M. Tyler and team, 12½d at $3.50	$43 75	
	G. B. Tyler, 11½d at $1.75	20 12	
	G. Churchill, 8d at $1.75	14 00	
	M. C. Bowles, work on road	2 00	
	M. C. Bowles, 62 loads gravel at 10c.	6 20	
		———	$ 86 07
Oct.	B. M. Tyler and team, 16½d at $3.50	$57 75	
	G. Churchill, 7¾d at $1.75	13 42	
	W. Tyler, 1d at $1.75	1 75	
	E. A. Mardin and team, 5¾d at $3.50	19 83	
	Alfred Mardin, 1d at $1.75	1 75	
	Clyde Merriil, 3d at $1	3 00	
	H. A. Morrill, 6¾ at $1.75	11 67	
	S. E. Mardin, 6d at $1.75	10 50	
	W. W. Eastman, work	1 00	
	M. C. Bowles and team, 4½d at $3.50	15 75	
	M. C. Bowles, 118 loads gravel at 10c.	11 80	
	L. H. Parker, 2d cutting bushes at $1.75	3 50	
		———	$ 151 72

Dec.	B. M. Tyler and team work	8 50	
	L. H. Parker, work	3 00	
	S. H. Dexter and team, work	4 00	
	M. C. Bowles and team, work and gravel	3 50	
	Wilder Tyler, work	2 25	
			$ 21 25
1917			
Feb.	B. M. Tyler, breaking roads	12 00	
	H. H. Elliott, care of road	2 50	
	W. W. Eastman, 25 loads gravel	3 75	
	D. W. Hutchins, shoveling snow	1 25	
	S. J. Hutchins, breaking roads	1 50	
	E. A. Mardin, breaking roads	2 00	
	M. C. Bowles, breaking roads	3 50	
	—— —— breaking roads	8 00	
	E. B. Mann & Co., dynamite	3 55	
			$ 38 05
			$434 41
Mar.	G. N. Belyea and team, 1d at $3.50	$ 3 50	
	G. N. Belyea, 1½d at $1.75	2 63	
	L. E. Belyea, 2d 7h at $1.75	4 73	
	Frank Beaulin, 1d 3h at $1.75	2 28	
	A. Charron, 3h at $1.75	53	
			$ 13 67
Apr.	G. N. Belyea and team, 3d at $3.50	$ 10 50	
	Leslie Belyea, 2d at $1.75	3 50	
	Will Belyea, 2d at $1.75	3 50	
			$ 17 50
May	G. N. Belyea and team, 3½d at $3.50	12 25	
	Leslie Belyea, 3½d at $1.75	6 13	
	Will Belyea, 1d at $1.75	1 75	
			$ 20 13

June	G. N. Belyea and team, 7½d at $3.50	26 25	
	L. E. Belyea, 6d at $1.75	10 50	
	F. A. Wilkinson, 5d at $1.75	8 75	
	James Crimmins and team, 3½d at $3.50	12 25	
	C. Lawrence, 3½d at $1.75	6 13	
	A. Fillion and team, 1d at $3.50	3 50	
	Willie Belyea, 7d at $1.75	12 25	
	J. Prue, 35 loads gravel at 10c.	3 50	
	Spike	20	
			$ 83 33
Sept.	G. N. Belyea and team, 8d at $3.50	$28 00	
	L. E. Belyea, 9d at $1.75	15 75	
	Will Belyea, 5½d at $1.75	9 63	
			$ 53 38
Oct.	G. N. Belyea and team, 3½d at $3.50	$12 25	
	L. E. Belyea, 3½d at $1.75	6 13	
	446 feet bridge plank, at $18	8 03	
			$26 41
			$214 42

Property of Town of Benton

Town hall, lands and buildings, town clerk's office	$1000 00
Furniture and equipments	160 00
Libraries, land buildings, furniture and equipments,	220 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings Equipments, one old road machine, 3 scrapers	50 00
Total	$1430 00

LEBINA H. PARKER,
JOHN E. COX,
Selectmen of Benton.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and correctly vouched.

D. W. HUTCHINS,
Auditor.

1917			
Feb.	L. H. Parker, trustee of the Ira Whitcher fund for care of No. 5 cemetery in Benton, the income of $500, to be used for same. The amount is invested as follows: Bert Cox notes to February 10, 1916	$331 42	
	Interest on said note at .05 to February 10, 1917,	16 57	
			$ 347 99
	Total to February 10, 1917		$347 99
1917			
Feb.	Received of J. E. Cox	$20 99	
	Balance due on Bert Cox notes February 10, 1917,		$ 327 00
	In Woodsville Guaranty Savings bank		194 98
	Total February 10, 1917		$521 98
Total received of J. E. Cox			$20 99
Paid out as follows:			
	L. H. Parker, care of cemetery, 1916	$5 50	
	L. H. Parker, care of cemetery, balance due, 1915	4 13	
	R. R. Scruggs, lawn mower	6 50	
		$16 13	

Total paid out	$16 13
Balance in my hands	$4 86

L. H. PARKER, Trustee.

1916
Nov. Received of E. B. Mann and Dexter D. Dow, trustees of the Elvah G. Mann estate, left to the town of Benton, to be known as the Chase Whitcher and Edward F. Mann fund the income of $500, care of the Chase Whitcher and Edward F. Mann lot in No. 5 cemetery the income of $1000, care of No. 5 cemetery the income of $3500, to be divided equally for highways and schools, if any balance left from care of cemetery and lot to be divided for highways and schools in said town of Benton.

The above amount is invested in Concord.

$2000 in the New Hampshire Savings bank at 4%
$2000 in the Loan and Trust Savings bank at 4%
$1000 in the Merrimack County Savings bank at 4 %

Received balance of income in trustees' hands	$177 66	
Loan and Trust Savings bank	81 91	
Merrimack County Savings bank	40 00	
New Hampshire Savings bank	80 26	
		$379 83

Paid out as follows:

Paid L. H. Parker, sexton, care of the Chase Whitcher and Edward F. Mann lots in No. 5 cemetery for 1916	$ 4 50	
Schools	187 67	
Highways	187 66	
		$ 379 83

Received of L. H. Parker deed of field adjoining Mountain View cemetery, the income of field for care of Prescott, Parker, Spofford, Cowen and David Bowman lots in said cemetery, any balance left to be used on lots where no one to care for them.

LABINA H. PARKER,
S. H. DEXTER,
WILLIAM W. EASTMAN,
Trustees of Benton.

TRUSTEES OF WHITCHER AND MANN FUND

1916

Paid out as follows for help and gravel on highway from J. E. Cox to E. C. French, county road, so called:

Oct.	W. W. Eastman, 4½d at $2	$9 00	
	K. L. Howe, 4d at $2	8 00	
	L. H. Parker, 4½d at $2	9 00	
	B. M. Tyler, 4¼d at $2	8 50	
	Wilder Tyler and team, 4½ d at $4	18 00	
	S. H. Dexter and team, 3¾d at $4	15 00	
	M. C. Bowles and team, 4½d at $4	18 00	
	G. W. Hunt and team,	80	
	Alfred Mardin and team, 4d at $4	16 00	
	C. C. Tyler and team, 2¾d at $4	11 00	
	M. C. Bowles, 189 loads gravel at 10c.	18 00	
			$ 131 30

Also another piece of county road from G. Q. Churchill's to Landaff town line, widening and gravel with team:

L. H. Parker, 5¼d at $2	$10 50
W. W. Eastman, 5¼d at $2	10 50
B. M. Tyler, 5¼d at $2	10 50

G. Q. Churchill, $2\frac{3}{4}$d at $2	5 50	
Wilder Tyler and team, $5\frac{1}{4}$d at $4	21 00	
John Boutin and team, 3d at $4	12 00	
M. C. Bowles and team, 2d at $4	8 00	
E. A. Mardin and team, 2d at $4	8 00	
W. W. Eastman, 60 loads gravel at $12\frac{1}{2}$c.	7 50	
		$ 93 50
Total laid out for permanent improvements		$224 80
Received of trust fund, Whitcher & Mann	$187 66	
Received of town	37 14	
		$224 80

L. H. PARKER,
S. H. DEXTER,
W. W. EASTMAN,
Trustees of Benton.

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D. W. HUTCHINS, Auditor.

Library Report

For the Year Ending February 15, 1917

Cash on hand February 15, 1916	$16 87	
Town order	15 00	
		$31 87
Paid librarian service		$12 00
Balance on hand, February 15, 1917		$19 87

WILLIAM KENDALL,
Treasurer and Trustee.

Number of books in library,	242
Number of books circulated during the year	105

H. F. TYLER, Librarian.

School Report

Benton school board hereby submit the following school report from the year 1915.
School money raised:

Cash on hand	$ 80 54
Money raised	700 00
Dog tax, 1915	36 60
Literary fund	26 91
Books	25 00
Supplies	16 00
Truant officer	5 00
Flags	5 00
Clerk	2 00
Treasurer	3 00
School board	25 00
State aid	30 00
Wood	25 00
Whitcher and Mann fund for school	187 67
Cash from school board	10 00
	$1176 82

Teachers and Board:

Paid Edith Mardin, teaching 6 weeks	$ 48 00
Julia Delany, teaching 10 weeks	110 00
Phoebe L. Webster, teaching 10 weeks	110 00
Ethel Lewis, teaching 10 weeks	110 00
Hattie Cary, teaching 10 weeks	110 00
Hattie Cary, teaching 10 weeks	110 00
East Haverhill tuition, Barry children	19 00
Warren tuition, LaDean and Glidden	18 00
Total paid teachers and teaching	$635 00

Balance on hand February, 1916	$13 35
Amount raised	25 00
	$38 35
Paid for books	36 46
Balance on hand February, 1917	$ 1 89
Supplies:	
Balance on hand February, 1917	$11 48
Amount raised	15 00
	$26 48
Books:	
Paid for supplies	24 18
Balance on hand February, 1917	$2 30
School Board:	
Amount raised	$25 00
Paid school board	25 00
High School:	
Balance on hand February, 1916	$36 33
Paid tuition	14 00
Balance on hand February, 1917	$22 33
Truant Officer:	
Amount raised	$ 5 00
Paid S. J. Hutchins, truant officer	$ 5 00
District Clerk:	$ 2 00
Paid D. W. Hutchins	$ 2 00
District Auditor:	
Amount raised	$ 1 00
Paid D. W. Hutchins	$ 1 00

District Treasurer:

Amount raised		$ 3 00
Paid L. H. Parker		$ 3 00

Wood:

Balance on hand, February, 1916		$ 9 18
Amount raised		25 00
		$34 18
Paid George Currier	$ 5 00	
James Crimmins	15 00	
S. H. Dexter	5 00	
E. A. Mardin	5 00	
		$30 00
Balance on hand February, 1917		$ 4 18

Flags:

Balance on hand February, 1916	$3 40
Amount raised	5 00
	$8 40
Paid for flags	7 38
Balance on hand February, 1917	$1 02

Miscellaneous:

Frank Brooks, janitor	$ 2 80
Russell Dexter	4 40
S. H. Dexter, stove	15 00
L. H. Parker, stove	15 00
N. Burke, work and lumber	5 92
V. A. Brooks, repairing and cleaning	4 00
S. H. Dexter, cash and labor	19 30
	$66 42

Total received	$1176 72
Total paid out	847 39
Balance in hands of treasurer	$329 33

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. DEXTER,
W. W. EASTMAN,
School Board of Benton.

All vouchers correctly vouched,

D. W. HUTCHINS, Auditor.

We recommend raising for school	$700 00
Books	30 00
Supplies	30 00
School board	25 00
Truant	5 00
Clerk	2 00
Auditor	1 00
Treasurer	3 00
High school	10 00

Examined and found correct,

D. W. HUTCHINS, Auditor.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of Death 1916	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Years	M'ths	Days	Place of Birth.	Sex	Single, Married or Widow	Color	Occupation	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother.
Jan 19	All Benton	William O. Hadley	45	8	12	Temple	M	M		Railroad			Osgood Hadley	Lucy H. Brown
Feb 17		John F. McIntire	50	5	3	Nova Scotia	"	S		Telephone			Neal McIntire	Annie Cameron
Mar 19		Henry J. Mallette	24	4	13	E.Deer'g, Me	"	S		Harness maker			Alfred Mallette	Adeline Baker
May 13		Mary A. Sanford	57	0	10	Concord	F	M		Housework			Owen Romey	Bridgett Burns
June 3		Nellie Lockwood	31	6	21	England	"	S		Waitress			George Lockwood	Nellie Devine
July 10		Mina Benoit	32	6	17	Ireland	"	M	All White	Housewife			John Collins	Margaret Welch
Oct 15		Geo. W. Bergstrone	18	8	1	W. Concord	M	S		Machinist			Chas. M. Bergstrone	Sophie Passander
Nov 1		Beatrice B. Wells	24	4	17	Concord	F	"		Housework			John G. Wells	Lizzie H. Bond
Nov 3		Joseph Contin	18	5	5	Berlin	M	"					Joe Contin	Alphonsi'e Volus
Nov 14		Flora Dagon	16	3	1	Berlin	F	"		Shoe shop			Homer Dagon	Elsie Valu
Nov 13		Dilbert Webber	27	7	10	Morrisville	M	M		Barber			Leb Webber	Della Williams
Nov 17		Harry Hamblett	25	3	28	Auburn	"	"		Shoe maker			George Hamblett	Jennie Kimball
Nov 18		Arthur W. Campbell	22	8	17	Randolph Vt	"	"		Nurse			W. H. Campbell	Meli'daThurston
Mar 21		John C.Welch	74	2	28	Barnet, Vt	"	"		Farmer			James Welch	Eliza Carr

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of Birth 1916	Place of Birth.	Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	Color	No. Child	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of mother.	Color Par	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of mother
Feb 25	Benton	Benjamin L. Elliott	M	L	w		John Gilbert Elliott	Mildred A. Ball	w	Both Benton		Benton	Landaff

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

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